

Lewis his second Letter to James his Lieutenant in  
Ireland, showing his apprehension of impending  
Ruin.

Thus terrible Lewis of Europe the Great,  
That sits like Great Jove in his Thundering Seat:  
To you my Lieutenant fresh greetings doth send,  
And to your known prudence the sequel commend.  
You see how your Son,  
That never could run,  
Prepares to destroy me with bullet and gun,  
Resolving to make my Great Majesty rue,  
The minute I sent my vain Forces to you.

II.

Already he hath my own Seas at command,  
And dang'rously threatens with ruin my Land:  
My Navy is damm'd up, and durst not appear,  
Which makes my limbs quiver and tremble with fear.  
Add further beside,  
Th' ambition and pride  
Of the High States with your Slaves on their side:  
In my Kingdom they swagger, and swear they'll pull down,  
My Tyrannick Power, and seize on my Crown.

III.

And then my own Subjects perplex me as much,  
My Soldiers desert and fly to the Dutch;  
And lend Paris it self hath solemnly swore,  
Could they have but their will, they would lay me in gore.

This grieves me with pain,

All Salves are in vain;

My Fiftula opens, and fisters again,  
And if you'll believe me, my A---- is as wide,  
As the bottomless gulph of your damnable Bride.

IV.

I know not what project, or action to do,  
I'm so plaguely intangled by her, and by you;  
By horrible Wars you drain all my Force,  
And She's as unsatiate as Mares that take Horse,

For never content,

She still doth lament:

And though my whole bowels upon her are spent,  
Yet still (a Pox on her) she cries out for stuff,  
The Devil himself cannot give her enough.

V.

Thus plagued by you, and your dissolute Wife,  
In sorrow and anguish I squander my life:  
To He-athens and Turks I must send for supplies,  
The Romans and Germans against me do rise:

The Spaniards and Lorrain,

With a Devilish train,

Appear on my frontiers their Empires to gain.  
Grim fortune looks furly, I fear I'm undone,  
And to you my Lieutenant for succour must run.